



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

William H. Johnson
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May 9, 2000

RE: MUR 4545
Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On November 4, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified the Consolidated Rail Corporation ("Conrail") of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended and Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, United States Code.

On April 26, 2000, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by Conrail, that there is no reason to believe Conrail violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. §§ 431-455, the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act, as amended, 26 U.S.C. §§ 9031-9042, or the Commission's regulations. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Delanie DeWitt Painter, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Kim Leslie Bright
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report